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New Application for "Human SDF-5 Protein and Compositions"

Filed February 6, 1997

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Dear Sirs:

On February 6, 1997, we filed the above-referenced patent application with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Box Sequence. To date, we have yet to receive back a stamped postcard confirming receipt and reflecting the assignment of a serial number, nor have we received a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application. We do, however, have the Express Mail Receipt, showing pick up for delivery on February 6, 1997. On May 8, 1997, we filed a continuation-in-part application from this parent, for which filing we have received a return postcard indicating the serial number (USSN 08/848,439).

We wish to file preliminary amendments and information disclosure statements for both applications; however, we hesitate to do so until we have some form of confirmation that the parent application has been received and filed. Accordingly, please assist ADH Patent Services, — PAM Inc. in their efforts to obtain this information for us.

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